

## **January 9, 2020 DC Democratic State Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Outrage - 1722 14th Street NW

- Meeting called to Order by Chairman Charles Wilson- 7:02pm
- Ward 2 Vice Chair Sherri Kimbel greets members
  - Ward 2 Chair John Lazar is moving to Florida and has resigned from the State Committee, elections will take place in the near future to fill his seat
- Announcement for the night's 50/50 raffle
- Announcement of help/aid to Puerto Rico
  - If any organization or person wants to help those in need in PR, contact Melissa Santana, American Red Cross Puerto Rico Chapter:
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      - Calle José Celso Barbosa
      - Río Piedras, PR 00935
- Approval of December 2019 Minutes
  - Motion - Phil Thomas
  - Seconded
  - Discussion
    - Vice Chair Linda Gray would like to see the discussion of the bylaws reflected in the December 2019 minutes as started by Committeeman Troy Prestwood
  - Motion Passes
- Nicholas Rathod, Senior Advisor, Mike Bloomberg Campaign
  - Discusses the contributions Bloomberg has made and why he is running for President
  - Mr. Rathod takes questions from the Committee
    - Statehood - Bloomberg will make an announcement soon on whether he supports DC statehood
    - DC Convention - Bloomberg will come to our Convention if his schedule permits
    - Ed Reform in DC
  - [nrathod@mikebloomberg.com](mailto:nrathod@mikebloomberg.com)
- Association of State Democratic Chairs (ASDC) December 2019 Meeting Recap - Vice Chair Linda Gray

- ASDC passed our statehood resolution
    - This will now go to other state party chairs who can help advocate for us
- DC Census 2020 Ambassador Training - Melissa Bird
  - Social media: @dccensus
  - Dccensus2020.dc.gov
  - Ms. Bird presents on all 2020 Census efforts in DC
  - DC has an anticipated growth of 100,000 over the next 10 years
  - When we undercount, we leave money on the table
  - March 2020 is when the census questions will go live
  - Wards 7 and 8 - people will receive the physical census form in the mail
  - Language assistance is provided
  - Data is confidential
  - Participation is required by law; this is used to allocate Federal dollars to DC
  - Ms. Bird takes questions
    - Minority population counting
    - Employment process for the census team
    - Primary living location
    - Incarcerated individuals
    - Hackers
    - Homeless - a point in time count is done to count homeless individuals
  - [Melissa.Bird@dc.gov](mailto:Melissa.Bird@dc.gov); 202-478-1323
- Swearing-in of Kent Boese - Chair, Gertrude Stein Democrat
- State Convention Update - Philip Pannell
  - 57 members are currently on the planning committee
  - Pannell has sent around a report on the Convention
  - First time in DC history that 3 members of the DC Electoral college will be voted on - need 400 signatures of Democrats or a \$500 donation to be eligible
  - Ward 5 Seniors Presidential Campaign Forum - Gordon-Andrew Fletcher, Chair, Ward 5 Democrats
    - Wants to combine the Ward 5 Seniors Presidential Campaign Forum with the State Convention
  - Philip Pannell and Gordon Fletcher take questions
- Bylaws Discussion - Article III: Removal of State Committee Members - Kevin Chavous
  - Motion to adopt the bylaw amendments already presented - Committeeman Stanley Mayes
  - Seconded
  - Discussion takes place
  - Chair rules the motion out of order
- New Business
  - Raffle drawing
  - MLK Parade will take place January 20th
  - MLK Prayer Breakfast - mlkholidaydc.org - January 18th
  - Women's March will take place January 18th

- Meeting Adjourned - 9:00pm